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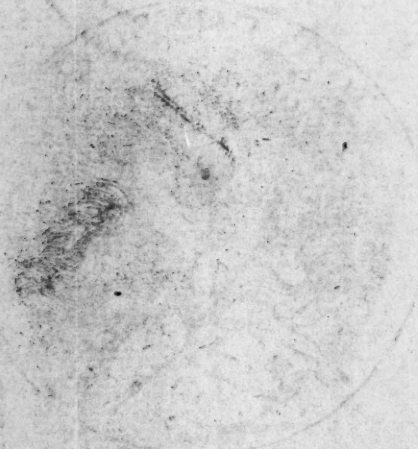
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Begun at *Edinburgh*, upon *Thursday* the 20th Day of *May* 1756,
and concluded the 31st Day of the said Month of *May*.

I.

The King's Commission to *Charles*
Lord *Cathcart*, produced and or-
dered to be recorded.

Edinburgh, May 20th, 1756, Sess. 1st.



H E General Assembly of this National Church
being conveened and constituted, there was
produced to them, by the Right Honourable
Charles Lord *Cathcart*, the King's Commission,
sealed with the Seal appointed by the Treaty
of Union, to be kept and used in *Scotland*, in
place of the Great Seal of *Scotland*, making and constituting
him his Majesty's High Commissioner and Representative in
this Assembly, of the same Tenor with the Commission grant-
ed to his Lordship the last Year; which Commission was pub-
licly read with all due Honour and Respect, and ordered to be
recorded in the Books of Assembly.

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II.

The King's most gracious Letter to
the General Assembly, presented to
them by his Majesty's Commission-
er.

Edinburgh, May 20th, 1756, Sess. 1.

Supra scribitur. G E O R G E R.



I G H T Reverend and Well-beloved, We greet you well. The frequent Proofs you have given of your Zeal and Steadiness in promoting true Piety, and the repeated Experience We have had of your Loyalty, Attachment and Affection to Our Person and Government, cannot but induce Us most heartily to concur in your present Meeting, and to countenance the same with Our Royal Approbation and Authority. And as We are persuaded that you will at all Times, and more especially in the present Juncture, be governed by, and are now come together with the same good Principles and Dispositions, you may be assured of Our firm Resolution to protect the Church of *Scotland*, as by Law established, and to maintain it in the full Enjoyment of all its just Rights and Privileges.

We have had such Proofs of the Fidelity, Prudence, and Conduct, of Our right Trusty and Well-beloved *Charles* Lord *Cathcart*, that We have again thought fit to make Choice of him to represent Our Person in this Assembly, not doubting, from the Knowledge you have of his firm Attachment to Our Person, Family, and Government, and of his Zeal for the Church of *Scotland*, but that he will be most agreeable to you.

We have a thorough Dependence, that your best Endeavours will not be wanting, in whatever may contribute to the good and desirable End of advancing true Piety and Virtue, which is the chief Intent of your present Assembly; and so We bid you heartily Farewell.

Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, the twenty first Day of *April*, One thousand seven hundred and fifty six, in the twenty ninth Year of Our Reign.

By his Majesty's Command.

HOLDERNESSE.

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III.

*The General Assembly's Answer to the
King's most gracious Letter.*

Edinburgh, May 22d 1756. Sess. 3.

May it please your Majesty,



E received your Majesty's most gracious Letter with that Respect and Gratitude which we owe to the best of Sovereigns, under whose auspicious Government we enjoy so many inestimable Blessings.

Your Majesty's countenancing our present Meeting with your Royal Approbation and Authority, is one of the many Evidences you have given of your Regard for the Prosperity of this National Church.

Nothing can do more Honour to us, than that your Majesty is graciously pleased to take Notice of our Zeal and Steadiness in promoting true Piety, and of our Loyalty, Attachment, and Affection to your sacred Person and Government.

When we reflect upon the Justice and Mildness of your Government, and the unwearied Attention your Majesty has given to the Prosperity of all who are so happy as to live under it, we have the greatest Confidence and Joy in the Assurances of your Majesty's firm Resolution to protect the Church of *Scotland* as by Law established, and to maintain it in the full Enjoyment of all its Rights and Privileges: At the same Time it fills our Hearts with Gratitude to Almighty God, by whom Kings reign, with an ardent Zeal, to support your Majesty's Government; and with the warmest Resolution to promote the same pious and loyal Principles, wherever our Influence can reach; and particularly in the Breasts of all those with whom we are more immediately concerned.

Your Majesty, in the present critical Juncture, hath given such signal Proofs of your Fortitude and Steadiness in the Support of the Rights and Privileges of the Crown of *Britain*, and of all, even its remotest Subjects, against the Attempts and Ufurpations of lawless Power, that we consider ourselves as called upon in a particular Manner, to exert our utmost Endeavours in Defence of your Majesty's sacred Person, and in Support of that Constitution and Government, which must be dear to us as Men, *Britons*, and Protestants.

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Your Majesty's Renewal of your Royal Bounty for the Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, and Places where Popery and Ignorance abounds, we acknowledge with all Thankfulness, and shall not fail to employ so pious a Gift for promoting the important Purposes for which it is most graciously bestowed.

The Choice your Majesty has again been pleased to make of Lord *Cathcart*, to represent your Person in this Assembly, gives the highest Pleasure to us, and to every Member of the Church of *Scotland*.

The Proofs your Majesty has had of his Fidelity, Prudence, and Conduct, and the Knowledge we have of his steady and firm Attachment to your Majesty's Person, Family, and Government, and of his Regard and Zeal for the Rights and Interests of the Church of *Scotland*, must render the Choice of him most acceptable to us, and endear him to all who wish well to our present happy Establishment in Church and State.

We can with great Truth assure your Majesty, that as we are at this Time met together in the National Assembly of this Church, our best Endeavours shall be employed to promote the good and desirable End of advancing true Piety and Virtue, the great Intent of our present Meeting, studying to approve ourselves to Almighty God, and to justify the Trust and Confidence your Majesty is most graciously pleased to repose in us.

That he who is the King of Kings may pour down his choicest Blessings upon your Majesty's Person and Family; that the Crown may long flourish upon your sacred Head, and your precious Life be preserved for a Blessing to these Realms; that that Wisdom, which is from above, may inspire all your Councils, and that Strength, which is Almighty, may go forth with your Arms; that God may abundantly bless his Royal Highness *George Prince of Wales*, the Princess Dowager of *Wales*, the Duke, the Princesses, and all the Branches of your Royal Family; and that after a long and happy Reign upon Earth, you may at last be received into that Kingdom which cannot be moved, are, and shall be, the sincere and hearty Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in this National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

*Edinburgh, 22d
May 1756.*

Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at our Appoinment, by

PATRICK CUMING Moderator.

IV.

*The General Assembly's Address to his Majesty, on Occasion of his Declaration of War against the French King.**Edinburgh, May 24th 1756. Sess. 4.**Most gracious Sovereign,*

OUR Majesty's just Resentment of the Encroachments of the *French* in *America* has compelled that Nation to throw off the Mask of Peace, under which they have carried on Designs so pernicious to *Great Britain*. Hostilities are begun in *Europe*. War is now declared. *France* has invaded *Minorca*, and threatens with Invasion the *British* Isles.

In this critical Situation of Public Affairs, we, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of *Scotland*, met in the National Assembly, think it our Duty to express our deep Concern for the general Welfare, and our affectionate Regard for a Prince, who is the Guardian of Liberty, and the Father of his People; and we heartily embrace this Opportunity of giving your Majesty Assurances, which cannot fail of being acceptable to your benign Disposition, authentic Assurances, of the Loyalty of the People of *Scotland*.

The Members of this Established Church, who make so great a Majority of the Inhabitants of *North Britain*, are universally fervent in their Zeal for your Majesty's Person and Family. Devoted of old to the best of Causes, Religion and Liberty, the Presbyterians early fixed their Hearts and Hopes on the House of *Hanover*, by whose Succession alone Religion and Liberty could have been preserved. The happy Experience of almost Half an Age, during the Reign of your Majesty, and your Royal Father, have demonstrated the Wisdom of our Ancestors, and confirmed the present Generation in their Loyalty and Love to your illustrious House.

Nor is it less from our certain Knowledge of the present Spirit, than of the ancient Principles of the Church of *Scotland*, that we can venture to assure your sacred Majesty, that, in no Part of your Dominions the Zeal of the Subjects may be more safely relied on; for never was the Affection of this Nation to their Prince so manifest as at this Juncture. Roused by the Approach of Danger, the Hearts of your People, Most gra-
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cious Sovereign, are more than ever yours; and should that Danger come, which may the Providence of God avert, it will be found, Great Sir, that your Government will be supported, in this Part of the united Kingdom, by the Zeal and Courage of your most faithful People, who hold nothing so dear as Religion and Liberty; and esteem nothing so glorious as Loyalty to a Prince, by whom Religion and Liberty are held sacred.

We beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that, in our Sphere, we shall make it our great Care to cultivate these good and happy Dispositions in your People; and shall endeavour to make it manifest, that we have nothing so much at Heart as the Glory of God, the Honour of your Majesty, and the Support of your Government.

That mutual Love and Confidence may still subsist between your Majesty and your Subjects; that the God of Battles may bless your Fleets and Armies with Success; and that a Race of Kings, of your Royal Line, Lovers of Religion, Liberty, and their Country, may always sway the Sceptre of these Lands, is the fervent Prayer of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most dutiful, most faithful, and most obedient Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in this national Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

*Edinburgh, May
24th 1756,*

*Signed in our Name, in our Presence,
and at our Appointment, by*

PATRICK CUMING Moderator.



V.

Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders, for discussing Affairs referred to them.

Edinburgh, May 29th 1756. Sess. 9.



THE General Assembly considering, that there are diverse Affairs, which they cannot overtake, do hereby nominate, commissionate, and appoint, the Rev. Doctor Patrick Cuming, Professor of Church History

History in the University of *Edinburgh*, and one of the Ministers of *Edinburgh*, their Moderator: And from the Presbytery of *Dunkeld*, Mr. Alexander MacLaggan at *Little Dunkeld*, Mr. John Douglas at *Kenmure*, Mr. Patrick Meek at *Monedie*, Mr. George Robertson at *Auchtergavin*, Ministers; his Grace the Duke of *Atbole*, and the Right Honourable the Earl of *Broadalbaine*, Ruling Elders: From the Presbytery of *Perth*, Mr. Thomas Rankin at *Aberdalgie*, Mr. Robert Bryce at *Dron*, Mr. Alexander Badenach at *St. Martin*, Mr. James Knox at *Scoon*, Ministers; the Right Honourable Robert Craigie of *Glendoick*, Esq; Lord President of the Court of Session, and Mr. John Belches of *Innermay*, Advocate, Ruling Elders: From the Presbytery of *Stirling*, Mr. Lauchlan Taylor at *Larbert*, Mr. William Forbes at *Airth*, Ministers; the Right Honourable the Lord Justice Clerk, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Stirling*, Thomas Gillespie Merchant in *Stirling*, and late one of the Baillies thereof: From the Presbytery of *Auchterarder*, Mr. Andrew Ramsay at *Maderty*, Mr. James Scot at *Mutbil*, Mr. James Reid at *Glendovan*, Ministers; Patrick Campbell of *Monzie*, Esq; Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Dumblane*, Mr. Finlay Ferguson at *Balwhidder*, Mr. James Smith at *Kilmadock*, Ministers; Sir James Livingston of *Glenterran*, Baronet, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Dumfermline*, Mr. Robert Stark at *Toryburn*, Mr. Robert Stark at *Kinross*, Mr. Andrew Richardson at *Innerkeithing*, Ministers; Mr. James Dewar of *Lassoddie*, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Dumfermline*, Mr. Alexander Wedderburn, Advocate: From the Presbytery of *Kirkcaldy*, Mr. Robert Young at *Leslie*, Mr. Hary Spens at *Weemyss*, Mr. Patrick Muirhead at *Dysart*, Ministers; Doctor Robert Whyte of *Bennochie*, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Kirkcaldy*, Mr. Robert Berry Advocate: Burgh of *Dysart*, Mr. John Sinclair of *Balgownie* Advocate: From the Presbytery of *Coupar*, Mr. John Ballingal at *Coupar*, Mr. John Trotter at *Ceres*, Mr. William Gourlie at *Flisk*, Mr. Michael Greenlaw at *Creich*, Ministers; the Right Honourable David Earl of *Leven*, and Andrew Barclay of *Pitlochy*, Ruling Elders; From the Presbytery of *St. Andrews*, Mr. James Muirison, Principal of the new College in *St. Andrews*, Mr. Patrick Glas at *Crail*, Mr. James Smith at *Newburn*, Mr. James Clidsdale at *Kilconquhar*, Ministers; Dr. John Scott of *Coats*, and Thomas Wallace in *Pusk*, Ruling Elders: University of *St. Andrews*, Mr. Thomas Tullideph, Principal of the United College of *St. Salvator* and *St. Leonard* of the said University: From the Presbytery of *Meigle*, Mr. James Lyon at *Blairgourie*, Mr. Thomas Clephan at *Netwyld*, Mr. James Ogilvie at *Eassie* and *Nevoy*, Ministers; Mr. Patrick Alison of *Newhall*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Forfar*, Mr. John Ker at *For-*

far, Mr. Andrew Mitchel at *Aberlemno*, Ministers; Mr. Gilbert Elliot of *Melgund* Advocate, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Forfar*, John Swinton, Esq; younger, of That Ilk: From the Presbytery of *Dundee*, Mr. James Mill at *Kinnaird*, Mr. George Johnston at *Monikie*, Mr. George Marr at *Montrose*, Ministers; Mr. Murrison of *Naughton*, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Dundee*, Mr. Thomas Boyes of *Didbop*, Writer in *Edinburgh*: From the Presbytery of *Aberbrothwick*, Mr. James Hunter at *Kirkden*, Mr. John Aitken at *St. Vigians*, Ministers; Mr. John Maul of *Inverkeilor*, one of his Majesty's Barons of Exchequer, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Brechin*, Mr. George Aitken at *Montrose*, Mr. David Blair at *Brechin*, Mr. William Morrice at *Caraldstone*, Ministers; Baillie Lauchlan Murrison, Merchant in *Montrose*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Fordoun*, Mr. William Thomson at *Marykirk*, Mr. James Walker at *Dunnottar*, Mr. Robert Young at *Benholm*, Ministers; Robert Scott of *Duninauld*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Aberdeen*, Mr. John Lumsden, Professor of Divinity in the King's College of *Aberdeen*, Mr. John King at *Dyce*, Mr. John Maxwell at *Newmachar*, Mr. Patrick Duff at *Oldmachar*, Ministers; the Right Honourable William Grant of *Prestongrange*, one of the Senators of the College of Justice, and John Duncan of *Tiftifour*, one of the Baillies of *Aberdeen*, Ruling Elders: *Kings College*, Mr. John Leslie, Professor of *Greek* therein: *Marishal College*, Mr. Robert Pollock, Professor of Divinity therein: From the Presbytery of *Kincardinoniel*, Mr. Robert Michy at *Chunie*, Mr. William Mackenzie at *Glenmuick*, Mr. Thomas Mitchell at *Tarland*, Ministers; Sir *Arthur Forbes* of *Craigievar*, Baronet, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Alford*, Mr. Theodore Gordon at *Kennethmont*, Mr. James Lumsden at *Towie*, Mr. John Lumsden at *Strathdon*, Ministers: From the Presbytery of *Ellon*, Mr. Andrew Moir at *Ellon*, Mr. John Ross at *Logie*, Ministers: From the Presbytery of *Garioch*, Mr. Robert Farquhar at Chapel of *Garioch*, Mr. Alexander Turing at *Oyne*, Mr. John Mair at *Rayn*, Ministers; Mr. David Dalrymple Advocate, Procurator for the Church, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Kintore*, Mr. Thomas Dundas of *Quarrel*: From the Presbytery of *Deer*, Mr. Robert Garden at *St. Fergus*, Mr. James Johnston at *Crimond*, Ministers; the Right Honourable the Lord Strichen Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Turriff*, Mr. Andrew Ker at *Turriff*, Mr. William Moir at *Fyvie*, Ministers: From the Presbytery of *Fordice*, Mr. Walter Morison at *Desford*, Mr. James Anderson at *Cullen*, Ministers; the Right Honourable the Lord *Edgefield* Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Strathbogie*, Mr. Alexander Chalmers at *Carney*, Mr. Andrew Skeen at *Keith*, Ministers; Mr. Thomas Innes Writer in *Edinburgh* Ruling Elder: From the

the Presbytery of *Aberlour*, Mr. James Grant at *Inveraven*, Mr. John Touch at *Aberlour*, Ministers; Mr. John Grant of *Elcbies*, one of the Barons of Exchequer, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Abernetby*, Mr. William Blair at *Kingussie*, Mr. William Gordon at *Alvie*, Ministers; Lauchlan Grant of *Gartenbeg* Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Elgin*, Mr. Lauchlan Schaw at *Elgin*, Mr. Patrick Duncan at *Longbride*, Ministers: From the Presbytery of *Forreßs*, Mr. Alexander Rose at *Nairn*, Mr. Thomas Gordon at *Auldearn*, Ministers; Robert Bluntach Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Inverness*, Mr. James Leslie at *Moy*, Mr. Murdoch MacKenzie at *Inverness*, Ministers; Bailie James Frazer Merchant in *Inverness* Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Inverness*, Baillie John MacIntosh: From the Presbytery of *Chanonry*, Mr. John Wood at *Rosemarkie*, Mr. Robert Munro at *Kilmuir Wester*, Ministers; Mr. James Robertson, Professor of Oriental Languages in the University of *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Fortrose*, Mr. John Gory: From the Presbytery of *Taine*, Mr. John Porteous at *Kilmuir Easter*, Mr. Joseph Munro at *Eddertoun* Ministers; Sir John Gordon of *Invergordon*, Baronet, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Tain*, Mr. David Rose younger of *Inverchassley* Advocate: From the Presbytery of *Dingwal*, Mr. John MacLennan at *Contane*, Mr. David Chisholm at *Kilmorack* Ministers; Albert Munro of *Coul* Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Dingwal*, Sir Harry Munro of *Fowlis* Baronet: From the Presbytery of *Abertarph*, Mr. Duncan Macpherson at *Laggan*, Mr. Malcolm MacCaskil at *Kilmalie*, Ministers; Mr. Francis Grant Merchant in *Edinburgh* Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Skie*, Mr. John MacPheron at *Slait*, Mr. William MacQueen at *Snizort*, Ministers; Alexander MacLeod of *Ullinish* Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Lewis*, Mr. Colin Mackenzie at *Lochs*, Mr. John Clark at *Stornavoy*, Ministers: From the Presbytery of *Uist*, Mr. Kenneth MacAulay at *Harris*, Mr. Lauchlan Maclean at *Bara*, Ministers; Donald MacNeil of *Waterfay*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Gairloch*, Mr. James Robertson at *Lochbroom*, Mr. John Bethune at *Glenshiel*, Ministers: From the Presbytery of *Dornock*, Mr. William Scobie at *Affint*, Mr. Hugh Ross at *Kildonan*, Ministers; Burgh of *Dornock*, Mr. William Gordon younger of *Carrol*, Advocate: From the Presbytery of *Tong*, Mr. George Munro at *Farr*, Mr. John Mackay at *Edrachillis*, Ministers; Mr. George Mackay of *Skibo*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Caithness*, Mr. James Ferme at *Wick*, Mr. Alexander Nicolson at *Thurso*, Ministers: From the Presbytery of *Kirkwal*, Mr. John Bannatyne at *South Ronaldsay* and *Burray*, Mr. Matthew Cleghorn at *St. Andrew's* and *Dearness*, Ministers; the Right Honourable the Earl of *Morton* Ruling Elder:

Elder : From the Presbytery of *Cairston*, Mr. James Tyrie at *Stromness*, Mr. Thomas Hepburn at *Birsay*, Ministers; Mr. George Wallace Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *North-Isles*, Mr. James Weir at *Rousay*, Mr. John Scollay at *Cross* and *Burness*, Ministers; Jerom Dennison of *Noutland*, Ruling Elder: From the Prebytery of *Zetland*, Mr. John Mill at *Dunrofsness*, Mr. Francis Gilbert at *Bressay* and *Burray*, Ministers; Mr. John Craigie Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, Mr. James Stevenson at *Edinburgh*, Mr. Robert Wallace there, Mr. George Withart there, Mr. William Aitkin at *South Leith*, Mr. John Hyndman at *Westkirk*, Mr. James Craig at *Currie*, Ministers; the Right Honourable the Earl of *Lauderdale*, the Right Honourable the Lord *Somerville*, and Baillie Alexander Grant, Ruling Elders: City of *Edinburgh*, James Rochhead, one of the present Baillies thereof; Thomas Cleland Sadler and present Conveener of the Trades therein: University of *Edinburgh*, Mr. Robert Hamilton Professor of Divinity therein: Church of *Campvere*, Mr. James Yair Minister, and Archibald MacAulay Esq; Lord Conservator of the *Scots* Privileges in the *Netherlands*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Linlithgow*, Mr. John Lookup at *Midcalder*, Mr. George Ellis at *Carriken*, Mr. Patrick Baillie at *Borrowstounness*, Mr. William Dalgleish at *Livingston*, Ministers; George Dundas of *Dundas* Esq; and Baillie Robert Clark in *Linlithgow*, Ruling Elders: Burgh of *Queensferry*, Mr. John Dundas of *Newballs*: From the Presbytery of *Biggar*, Mr. William Tait at *Kilbucko*, Mr. Andrew Plummer at *Broughton*, Ministers; Archibald Bertram younger of *Nisbet* Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Peebles*, Mr. John Baird at *Stobo*, Mr. Thomas Gibson at *Kirkcud*, Ministers; Mr. Charles Hamilton of *Spittlebaugh*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Dalkeith*, Mr. Patrick Simpson at *Fala*, Mr. Robert Paton at *Lafwade*, Mr. Alexander Carlyle at *Inverask*, Ministers; the Right Honourable Mr. Robert Dundas of *Arniston*, his Majesty's Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Haddingtoun*, Mr. William Robertson at *Gladesmuir*, Mr. John Hume at *Atholestonsford*, Mr. Hugh Bannantyne at *Dirleton*, Ministers; Mr. William Law of *Elvingstone*, Advocate, Ruling Elder; Burgh of *Haddingtoun*, Mr. Robert Thomson Provost thereof; Burgh of *North-Berwick*, Mr. George Brown of *Colstoun*, Advocate: From the Presbytery of *Dunbar*, Mr. George Buchanan at *Tynningham*, Mr. John Lundie at *Old-Hamstocks*, Ministers; Sir Hugh Dalrymple of *North-Berwick*, Baronet, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Dunbar*, Mr. Alexander Hume of *Eccles*: From the Presbytery of *Dunse*, Mr. John Hume at *Greenlaw*, Mr. Alexander Hume at *Abbey*, Ministers; the Right Honourable the Earl of *Marchmont*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Chirnside*, Mr. John Waugh at *Whitson*, Mr. James Allan at

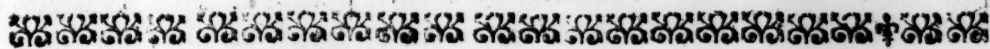
at *Eymouth*, Mr. John Buchanan at *Foulden*, Ministers; Sir John Stewart of *Allanbank*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Kelfo*, Mr. Robert Turnbull at *Sprouston*, Mr. Cornelius Lundie at *Kelfo*, Ministers; Mr. Charles Binning, Advocate, Ruling Elder; From the Presbytery of *Jedburgh*, Mr. George Bruce at *Minto*, Mr. Robert Deans at *Crealing*, Mr. William Paton at *Eckford*, Ministers; the Most Honourable the Marquis of *Lothian*, Ruling Elder; Burgh of *Jedburgh*, James Chisholm Burgess therein: From the Presbytery of *Earlstoun*, Mr. John Gowdie at *Earlstoun*, Mr. James Ford at *Lauder*, Ministers; Mr. Robert Kennedy of *Auchtifardle*, Ruling Elder; Burgh of *Lauder*, James Ker of *Moriston*: From the Presbytery of *Selkirk* Mr. Robert Riddel at *Lilliesleaf*, Mr. James Hume at *Bowdean*, Ministers; Andrew Pringle Esq; his Majesty's Solicitor, Ruling Elder; Burgh of *Selkirk*, Mr. Gideon Shaw of *Lauriston*: From the Presbytery of *Annan*, Mr. Walter Cook at *Cummertrees*, Mr. Anthony Black at *Dornock*, Ministers; Mr. Robert Dalrymple of *Priestside*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Langholm*, Mr. David Balmain at *Westerkirk*, Mr. James MacGarroch at *Eskdalmoor*, Ministers; Mr. William Johnston Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Lochmaben*, Mr. Gabriel Gulan at *Drysdale*, Mr. Andrew Jaffray at *Tundergarth*, Mr. James Williamson at *Wamphry*, Ministers; Alexander Orr Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Penpont*, Mr. William Moodie at *Glencairn*, Mr. John Collow at *Penpont*, Ministers; Mr. Robert Lorimer in *Tibbers*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Dumfries*, Mr. Robert Wight at *Dumfries*, Mr. Thomas MacKinnel at *Orr*, Mr. Archibald Lawson at *Kirkmahoe*, Ministers; George Bell of *Conbeath*, Provost of *Dumfries*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Kirkcudbright*, Mr. John Lamont at *Kelton*, Mr. Robert Thomson at *Girton*, Mr. William Boyd at *Carsphairn*, Ministers; Robert Naismith Merchant in *Kirkcudbright*, Ruling Elder; Burgh of *Kirkcudbright*, Mr. Robert Alexander, lawful Son of William Alexander Esq; late Lord Provost of *Edinburgh*: From the Presbytery of *Wigtoun*, Mr. Alexander Gordon at *Glasserton*, Mr. Robert Walker at *Mochrum*, Ministers; Doctor Alexander Martin of *Little-Airies*, Physician, Ruling Elder; Burgh of *Wigton*, Mr. Alexander Agnew, Advocate; Burgh of *Whithorn*, Mr. John MacGowan Writer in *Edinburgh*: From the Presbytery of *Stranraer*, Mr. Thomas Mutter at *Leffswalt*, Mr. Robert Findlay at *Inch*, Ministers; the Right Honourable the Lord *Banktoun*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Air*, Mr. George Reid at *St. Evox*, Mr. William Dalrymple at *Air*, Mr. David Schaw at *Coyltoun*, Mr. James Connel at *Sorn*, Mr. John MacDermid at *Straiton*, Ministers; the Right Honourable the Earl of *Dumfries*, the Right Honourable the Lord *Auchinleck*, Ruling Elders: From

the Presbytery of *Irvine*, Mr. Robert Dow at *Ardrossan*, Mr. John Witherspoon at *Beith*, Mr. Andrew MacVey at *Dreg-born*, Ministers; Hugh Montgomery of *Brumlands*, Ruling Elder; Burgh of *Irvine*, the Right Honourable the Lord *Shew-alton*: From the Presbytery of *Paisley*, Mr. Alexander Scot at *Innerkip*, Mr. Archibald Smith at *Inchinnan*, Mr. John Anderson at *Port-Glasgow*, Ministers; Burgh of *Renfrew*, Mr. Archibald Campbell of *Elderslie*: From the Presbytery of *Hamilton*, Mr. Richard Henderson at *Blantyre*, Mr. John Currie at *East-Monkland*, Mr. David Connel at *Kirkbride*, Ministers; Mr. John Fleming Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Lanerk*, Mr. Thomas Lining at *Lifnabegow*, Mr. James Porteous at *Wiston*, Mr. William Miller at *Crawfurd John*, Ministers; Mr. George Lockhart of *Ravenstruther* Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Glasgow*, Mr. Lawrence Hill at *Glasgow*, Mr. John Corse there, Mr. John Telfer at *Killyth*, Ministers; Bailie Archibald Ingram Merchant in *Glasgow* Ruling Elder: City of *Glasgow*, John Bowman Merchant, present Dean of Guild thereof: University of *Glasgow*, Dr. William Leechman Professor of Divinity therein: From the Presbytery of *Dumbarton*, Mr. Andrew Gray at *New Kilpatrick*, Mr. Duncan MacFarlane at *Drymen*, Mr. John Davidson at *Old Kilpatrick*, Ministers; Sir James Colquhoun of *Lufs*, Baronet, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Dumbarton*, Mr. James Smollet of *Bonhill*, Advocate: From the Presbytery of *Dunoon*, Mr. John Melvil at *Dunoon*, Mr. Richard Brown at *Kingarth*, Ministers; Duncan Campbell of *Southball* Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Rothsay*, Mr. Matthew Stewart Professor of Mathematics in the University of *Edinburgh*: From the Presbytery of *Kintyre*, Mr. David Campbell at *Southend*, Mr. John Hamilton at *Saddel*, Ministers; Mr. Alexander MacMillan of *Dunmore*, Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Inverary*, Mr. Lauchlan Campbell at *Craignish*, Mr. Daniel Campbell at *North Knapdale*, Ministers; Colin Campbell of *Kilbride*, Esq; one of the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Lorn*, Mr. James Stewart at *Kilbranden*, Mr. John MacAulay at *Lifsmore* and *Appin*, Ministers: From the Presbytery of *Mull*, Mr. Alexander MacTavish at *Morvern*, Mr. Charles Campbell at *Tyrie*, Ministers; Hector MacLean of *Torloisk* Ruling Elder; with his Grace the Duke of *Argyle*, the most honourable the Marquis of *Tweddale*, and Sir Gilbert Elliot of *Minto*, one of the Senators of the College of Justice, Ruling Elders: To be Commissioners of this General Assembly, to the Effects after mentioned, with Power to the said Commissioners, or their *Quorum*, which is hereby declared to be any thirty-one of the said Commissioners, whereof twenty-one

one are always to be Ministers, to meet and convene within the Assembly-house at *Edinburgh*, the first Day after the Dissolution of this Assembly, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon; and thereafter the second *Wednesday* of *August*, third *Wednesday* of *November*, and the first *Wednesday* of *March* next to come, and oftner, when and where they shall think fit and convenient, with Power to the said Commissioners to chuse their own Moderator: And likeways, the General Assembly fully impowers their said Commissioners, or their *Quorum* above mentioned, to cognosce and finally determine, as they shall see Cause, in every Matter referred, or that shall be referred to them, by any Act or Order of this Assembly, and to do every thing contained in, and conform to the Instructions given, or to be given by this Assembly; and to advert to the Interest of the Church on every Occasion, that the Church, and present Establishment thereof, do not suffer or sustain any Prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be answerable: Providing always, that this general Clause be not extended to particular Affairs, or Processes before Synods or Presbyteries, that are not of universal Concern to, or Influence upon the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed, that no private Processes be determined, except at the four stated Diets; and what shall be determined at one Diet of the Commission, with relation to private Causes, shall be unalterable by any other Diet thereof, and shall stand and continue in Force 'till disapproved by the General Assembly. And the General Assembly renews the Instructions given by the General Assembly in the Year One thousand seven hundred and seventeen, to their Commission, and appoints the same to stand in full Force, as Instructions to the Commissioners before named, and to be observed by them in all Points, as if the same were specially here insert: And that they enquire into the publishing and spreading of Books and Pamphlets, tending towards the promoting of Opinions of whatever Kind, inconsistent with our *Confession of Faith*; and that the Recommenders of such Books or Pamphlets, or the Errors therein contained, whether by Word, Writ, or Print, be called before the said Commission to answer for the same. And further, the said Commission is hereby impowered to receive any References and Appeals that shall be made to them from Synods, in Matters of Doctrine, and ripen such Affairs for the General Assembly; and to contribute what they can to the suppressing of Vice and Immorality, and give all needful Advice and Assistance to Synods and Presbyteries, upon Application to them for that End: Likeways to take care, that the Impressions of the *Holy Scriptures*, the *Confession of Faith*, and *Catechisms*, and such Books as are authorised by this Church, relating

relating to the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government thereof, be correct; and give Directions about printing the same. And the said Commission are appointed and impowered, to keep a Correspondence with the Committee for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Islands* for suppressing Popery and Superstition, and for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, and carrying on a Reformation in these Parts, and give Assistance and Concurrence therein; and, if Need be, to apply to the Government for a proper Remedy and speedy Redress. And the said Commissioners are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other Matters than what are committed and referred to them, as above-mentioned: And, in all their Actings, they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitution of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the Prejudice of the same; declaring, that in and for all their Actings, they shall be accountable to, and censurable by the next General Assembly, as they shall see Cause. And this Commission is to continue and endure until another Commission be appointed; and Members are required to attend the Diets of the said Commission, and Absents therefrom ordered to be noticed, according to the 17th Act of the General Assembly, held in the Year One thousand seven hundred and six. And for the better securing of a *Quorum*, and Attendance of Members on the Commission, the General Assembly prohibits the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, or any other Presbytery within twelve Miles thereof, to meet any of the Days or Weeks appointed for the Meetings of this Commission; and such of the Members of these Presbyteries as are on the Commission, are required, all of them, to give Attendance on the Diets thereof; and the Presbyteries at a greater Distance, who have four or more Members on the Commission, are to take care that at least two of them attend each Diet of the same: And the Assembly appoint their Commission, at their first Meeting, to discuss as many of the Causes and Questions, relative to the Settlement of vacant Churches, which are, or shall be referred to them by the Assembly, as they can overtake. And it is further provided, that when any Presbytery or Synod of this Church shall decline to comply with the Sentences of the Commission, or to give the same a full Execution, in that Case the Commission is hereby prohibited to execute the same, by appointing any such correspondent Meetings, as has been sometimes the Practice; but shall allow the same to lie over to the ensuing Assembly, to which such Presbyteries or Synods shall be answerable for such their Conduct, and are hereby appointed to send up with their Commissioners their Reasons for the same. And the Assembly doth further impower and direct the said Commission to
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make due Application to the King and Parliament for Redress of the Grievance of Patronage, in case a favourable Opportunity for so doing shall occur, during the Subsistence of this Commission. And the General Assembly do enjoin their Commission, that in passing their Sentences, and in ordering the Execution of the same, they strictly observe the 12th Act of the Assembly 1736.



VI.

Act appointing a solem National Fast.

Edinburgh 31st May, 1756, Sess. ult.



HEREAS our Sovereign, in Defence of *Great Britain and Ireland*, and the Dominions thereto belonging, has declared War against *France*, the formidable Enemy of the Religion and Liberties of our Country: And whereas the Almighty, in former Times, has done great Things for these Nations; has bestowed upon them inestimable Privileges; and in the Day of Danger, when our Fathers cried unto God, he heard from Heaven, raised up Deliverers, and saved according to his manifold Mercies; and still continues to distinguish us beyond all Nations, blessing us with the best Religion, and best of Governments.

Yet, notwithstanding all this Goodness shewed to these Nations, just Cause there is to lament, that we have not learned Wisdom from our Dangers, nor Gratitude from our Deliverances; that we have not duly prized nor improved our Advantages; but as God has multiplied his Favours upon us, we have multiplied our Transgressions against the God of Heaven; and too visible it is, that Infidelity, Luxury, Vice, and Profaneness, have widely diffused their Contagion, and infected this Nation.

From this aggravated Guilt we have Reason to dread, that God may be provoked to depart from us; to deliver us a Prey into the Hands of our Enemies; and, by an inclement Season, to blast the Fruits of the Earth, and break the Staff of Bread in our Land; thus visiting us, for our Iniquities, with the desolating Calamities of War and Famine.

The National Assembly of the Church of *Scotland*, in this important Crisis, when we have much to fear from our Enemies, and more from our own Follies and heinous Transgressions,

ons, do therefore most seriously call and exhort all to the Duties of solemn Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer, upon such a Day as his Majesty shall please to appoint, the Assembly having made humble Application to him to name the Day, and interpose his Royal Authority for the due Observation thereof; and they do earnestly obtest Persons of all Ranks, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and the Welfare of these Nations, to humble themselves with penitent and contrite Souls, in the Sight of that God, who, dwelling in his high and holy Place, dwelleth also with them who are of contrite and humble Hearts; to confess and forsake their Sins, imploring, thro' JESUS CHRIST, Grace and Mercy from the Father of Mercies; beseeching the Divine Majesty to revive among us a Spirit of primitive Integrity, Piety and Virtue; that we may be inspired with Reverence of the Almighty, Loyalty to our Sovereign, Love and Zeal for our Constitution, Civil and Religious; that there may be one Mind and one Heart in us all; that every Heart may be warm with the Love of our Country, and every Hand chearfully employed in her Service: And if, in the Providence of God, we shall be called to appear in the Defence of the Protestant Religion, and our National Privileges, that, in so noble a Cause, we may act a Part becoming our Characters, as Protestants and free *Britons*; may be of good Courage, and may play the Men for our People, and for the Cities of our God.

The Assembly further enjoins, that, in the Day of public Prayer, Supplications be offered to the God of Heaven, that he may bless our Sovereign King *George*, long preserve his valuable Life, direct his Councils, establish his Throne in Righteousness, and that he may continue to reign in the Hearts of a free and happy People; that God may bless their Royal Highnesses, the Prince of *Wales*, the Princess Dowager of *Wales*, the Duke of *Cumberland*, the Princesses, and all the Royal Family: That God may give Wisdom to our Counsellors, Conduct to our Commanders, and Strength to those who turn the Battle from our Gates: That our Trust and Confidence being placed, not in an Arm of Flesh, but in the LORD JEHOVAH, in whom there is everlasting Strength, He, the righteous Governor of the Universe, may favour our righteous Cause; the LORD of Hosts may go forth with our Fleets and Armies, protect those in the Day of Battle who expose their Lives for our Safety, and crown their Arms with Victory and Success: That God, who setteth Bounds to the Sea, stilleth the Raging of its Waves, and the Tumults of the People, would make this expensive and dangerous War speedily to terminate in a safe and honourable Peace: That the God of Nature, whom all the Elements obey, would send such Weather as will cherish the Fruits of the
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the Earth, that our Pastures may be clothed with Flocks, and our Vallies covered over with Corn; that our Land may yield her Increase, and the Year, at length, be crowned with the Divine Goodness: That we, enjoying the Blessings of Peace and Plenty in all our Borders, and being delivered by the Almighty from the Hands of our Enemies, may serve our GOD without Fear, in Holiness and Righteousness before him all the Days of our Lives: That the Beauty of the LORD our GOD may be upon us, and Glory, the Glory of civil and religious Liberty, may ever dwell in our Land. And the Assembly enjoins all Ministers to intimate this Act from their Pulpits, upon the Lord's Day immediately preceeding the Day that shall be appointed by his Majesty for the Observation of the Fast, and to excite the People to their Duty by suitable Exhortations.



VII.

Act and Recommendation of the General Assembly respecting *Irish* Bursaries.

Edinburgh May the 31st, 1756, Sess. ult.



THE General Assembly taking to their Consideration repeated Representations that have been made, of the great Scarcity of Preachers and Students in Divinity, having the *Irish* Language, by which means many Parishes in the *Highlands* and Islands, where the *English* is not generally understood, are likely to become destitute of the Means of religious Knowledge, and several Parishes already vacant, particularly where Popery abounds, cannot be supplied for Want of Persons capable of preaching to them in that Language which they are acquainted with; did therefore agree, that the former laudable Practice, of giving Bursaries to Students having the *Irish* Language, be revived: And the General Assembly do hereby, in so far, repeal the seventh Act of the Assembly 1737, superseding that Practice; and do earnestly recommend to every Minister of this Church, to pay in from Year to Year, to the Clerk of his Presbytery, three Shillings *Sterling*: and appoint the Money so collected to be transmitted to *William Ross*, Clerk to the Society for propagating Christian Knowledge, before the second Day of *February* each Year; and

and that the foresaid Money be applied for educating Students for the Ministry having the *Irish* Language, in such Manner as the General Assembly of this Church shall judge most proper. And the Assembly ordains, that every Student that shall be trained for the Ministry in the *Highlands* and Islands, upon the Fund to be raised for this Purpose, shall, when he comes to be settled as a Minister, preach every Lord's Day in *English*, as well as in the *Irish* Language: And it is recommended to all the Ministers, now settled in those Parts, to do the same: And they are hereby appointed to do every Thing in their Power, with the Assistance of the Society for propagating Christian *Knowledge*, and other Friends of our Country, Religion and Government, to have as many good Schools as may be in that Part of the Kingdom, so as the *English* Tongue may spread the faster, till it be universally understood and spoken.



VIII.

Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders, for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, and for managing his Majesty's Royal Bounty for that End.

Edinburgh May 31st, 1756, Sess. ult.

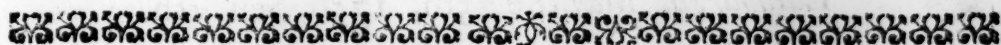


THE General Assembly do hereby nominate, commissionate, and appoint, the Reverend Doctor *Patrick Cuming* their Moderator; Mr. *Thomas Tullideph*, Principal of the united Colleges of *St. Salvator* and *St. Leonard* in the University of *St. Andrews*; Mr. *James Muirison* Principal of the New College there; Mr. *Neil Campbell* Principal of the College of *Glasgow*; Mr. *John Gowdie* Principal of the College of *Edinburgh*; Mr. *John Lumsden* Professor of Divinity in the King's College of *Aberdeen*; Mr. *Robert Pollock* Professor of Divinity in the Marishall College there; Mr. *Andrew Shaw* Professor of Divinity in the New College of *St. Andrews*; Mr. *Robert Hamilton* Professor of Divinity in the College of *Edinburgh*; Mr. *James Witherspoon* at *Yester*, one of his Majesty's Chaplains; all the Ministers Members

bers of the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*; Mr. *John Douglas* at *Kennmuir*; Mr. *Robert Stark* at *Kinross*; Mr. *John Ker* at *Forfar*; Mr. *William Gordon* at *Alvie*; Mr. *William MacQueen* at *Snizart*; Mr. *George Monro* at *Farr*; Mr. *Thomas Hepburn* at *Birsay*; Mr. *Richard Brown* at *Kingarth*; Mr. *Duncan MacFarlane* at *Drymen*; Mr. *John MacAulay* at *Lissmore*; Mr. *James Tyrie* at *Stromness*; Mr. *Kenneth MacAulay* at *Harris*; Mr. *John MacPherson* at *Slait*; Mr. *John Melvil* at *Dunoon*; Mr. *John Davidson* at *Old Kilpatrick*; Mr. *Malcolm MacCaskill* at *Kilmalie*; Mr. *Joseph Monro* at *Eddertoun*; Mr. *Murdoch MacKenzie* at *Inverness*; Mr. *Alexander Rose* at *Nairn*; Mr. *John Ballingall* at *Coupar*; Mr. *Finlay Ferguson* at *Balwhidder*; Mr. *Alexander MacLaggan* at *Little Dunkeld*; Mr. *John Johnston* at *Biggar*; Mr. *George Shepherd* at *Newbottle*; Mr. *William MacKenzie* at *Glenmuck*; Mr. *John Bonar* at *Cockpen*; Mr. *John MacLennan* at *Contane*; Mr. *John Gowdie* at *Earlstoun*; Mr. *David Cannel* at *Kilbride*; Mr. *George Reid* at *St. Evox*, and Mr. *James Stewart* at *Kilbranden*, Ministers. His Grace *James Duke of Athol*; his Grace *Archibald Duke of Argyle*. The most Honourable the Marquis of *Tweddale*; the most Honourable the Marquis of *Lothian*; the Right Honourable the Earl of *Marchmont*; the Right Honourable the Earl of *Dumfries*; the Right Honourable the Earl of *Broadalbaine*; the Right Honourable the Lord *Somerville*; the Right Honourable *Robert Craigie* of *Glendoick*, Lord President of the Court of Session; the Right Honourable *Robert Dundas* of *Arniston* Esq; his Majesty's Advocate; *Charles Erskine* of *Tinwald* Esq; Lord Justice Clerk; *Alexander Fraser* of *Strichen* Esq; *Patrick Boyle* of *Shewalton* Esq; *Alexander Boswal* of *Auchinleck* Esq; *Robert Pringle* of *Edgesfield* Esq; *William Grant* of *Prestongrange* Esq; *Andrew MacDowall* of *Banktoun* Esq; six of the Senators of the College of Justice; Mr. *Gilbert Elliot* of *Melgund* Advocate; Mr. *Thomas Boyes* Writer in *Edinburgh*; *John Maul* of *Inverkeiler* Esq; one of the Barons of Exchequer; Mr. *David Dalrymple* Advocate, Procurator for the Church; *Lauchlan Grant* of *Gartenbeg*; Mr. *James Robertson* Professor of Oriental Languages in the College of *Edinburgh*; *Albert Monro* of *Coul*; Sir *John Stewart* of *Allanbank*; Mr. *Andrew Pringle* Advocate, his Majesty's Solicitor; Mr. *Robert Dalrymple* of *Preistfide*; Doctor *Alexander Martin* of *Little Airies* Physician; Baillie *Archibald Ingram* Merchant in *Glasgow*; Mr. *James Smollet* of *Bonhill* Advocate; Mr. *Alexander Macmillan* of *Dunmore*, Writer to the Signet; *Hector MacLean* of *Torloisk*; Mr. *Patrick Campbell* of *Monzie*; Sir *James Colquhoun* of *Luss*, Mr. *Matthew Stewart* Professor of Mathematics in the College of *Edinburgh*; Mr. *William Sands* Bookseller in

Edinburgh; Mr. *John Paton* Bookseller there; Mr. *Archibald Campbell* of *Elderslie*, Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elders; To be a Committee of this Assembly, for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Islands* of *Scotland*, for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, suppressing of Popery and Profaneness, and for managing the Royal Bounty given for these Ends, according to, and in Terms of his Majesty's Grant to this Assembly, and the 6th Act of last Assembly, and whole Acts therein mentioned, and in Acts formerly made and referred to, in the Commissions granted to former Committees: Any five of the above named Persons are declared to be a *Quorum*, whereof three to be Ministers: But it is hereby appointed, that at the quarterly Meeting of the said Committee, when the Scheme or Establishment of Missionaries, for the Year ensuing, shall be approved and determined, nine Ministers and five Ruling Elders at least shall be a *Quorum*; and the said Committee are appointed to have their Meetings at *Edinburgh*, in the Hall of the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Christian Knowledge, the last *Thursday* of every Month, at Four of the Clock Afternoon, and also the first lawful Day after the Adjournment of the four stated Diets of the Commission of the General Assembly, at Ten of the Clock Forenoon, except when it falls to be upon *Friday* or *Saturday*, and then the Meeting is to be upon *Monday* next thereafter, at the said Hour: With Power to the said Committee to adjourn themselves to such Times and Places as they shall find most needful and convenient; and they are to keep a Correspondence with the Commission of the General Assembly, and the Society for propagating Christian Knowledge, and their Committee of Directors, and take their Advice and Assistance. And the General Assembly do by these Presents nominate and appoint the said Mr. *David Dalrymple* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, to be Receiver of the foresaid Royal Bounty, and to pay out the same as he shall be directed and ordered by the said Committee, and according to their Rules. And the said Committee are appointed to examine the Accompts of the Distribution of the Royal Bounty, and lay the same before the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, or the Barons of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer, and to report their Diligence to the General Assembly, to whom they are to be accountable. And it is agreed, that no Person once employed, and insert in the Scheme, shall be struck out thereof for that Year, but by the *Quorum* of at least nine Ministers and five Ruling Elders: And in case any Complaint shall be made against any of them on the Scheme, it shall not be determined at the first ordinary Meeting that the same is offered, but shall lie on the Table till another Meeting; and, in the mean Time, the Person complained of, and the Presbytery of the Bounds wherein he
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officiates, shall be acquainted of such Complaint, and these concerned be required to send to the said Committee a just Account of the matter, against their next Meeting. And it is further appointed, That, after the yearly Scheme of Missionaries on the Royal Bounty is settled, in manner above directed, and Notice thereof given by Letters to the Presbyteries concerned, such Presbyteries shall send up to the said Committee their Answers to these Letters, at farthest, with their Commissioners to the General Assembly, if the same be not done sooner; and that the Committee, at their Meeting in *May*, in case they do not complete the next Year's Scheme themselves, shall name a Sub-committee of their Number, for completing the same, who are to lay their Draught thereof before a subsequent Meeting.



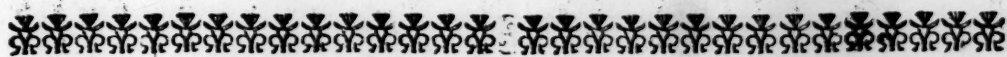
IX.

Act appointing the Diet of the next General Assembly.

Edinburgh, May 31st, 1756, Sess. ult.

TH E next General Assembly of this National Church is appointed to be held in this Place upon the third *Thursday* of *May* next, being the 19th Day of that Month, in the Year 1757.

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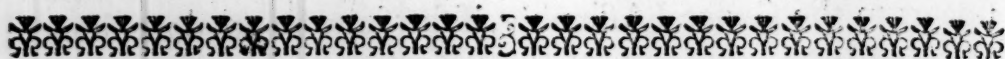
Overture anent Ministers making Agreements with their Heretors concerning the Extent of their Stipends.

Edinburgh, May the 25th, 1756, Sess. 5th.



TH E General Assembly having had represented to them, the great Loss which many of the present Ministers of this Church sustain, from Agreements which have been made betwixt their Predecessors in Office and the Heretors of their respective Parishes concerning the Extent of their Stipends, whereupon De-
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creets of Modification and Locality have been obtained with Consent of Parties, did therefore agree to the following Overture, to be transmitted to Presbyteries; That it be enacted and ordained, that in all Time coming, no Minister shall make any Composition with his Heretors with respect to obtaining a Decree of Modification and Locality for his Stipend, but at the Sight, and with the Advice and Consent of the Presbytery of the Bounds.



Overture anent the more speedily supplying of Vacancies.

Edinburgh, May the 25th, 1756, Seff. 5th.



THE General Assembly, in order to prevent the long and unnecessary protracting of the Vacancy of Parishes, did agree to transmit the following Overture, to the Consideration of the several Presbyteries, *viz.* That it shall be among the Questions asked by Synods at the several Presbyteries at the privy Censures, what Vacancies there are in their Bounds? of how long Continuance these have been? and the Reasons why they are not supplied? And if the Synod shall find any Presbytery dilatory, after the Right of planting any Parish has by Law fallen into their Hands, the Synod shall enjoin them to proceed toward the Settlement of that Parish without further Delay.

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Actings and Proceedings of the General Assembly of the Church of *Scotland*, held in the Year 1756, which are not printed at full length.

AFTER Sermon by the Reverend Mr. *George Reid*, Minister at *St. Evon*, Moderator of the last General Assembly, the Ministers and Ruling Elders, Members of this Assembly, did convene in the Assembly House; and the Reverend Doctor *Patrick Cuming*, Professor of Church History in the University of *Edinburgh*, and one of the Ministers of *Edinburgh*, being chosen Moderator, he, at the Assembly's Desire, took the Chair. *May 20th, Sess. 1.*

The King's Commission to *Charles Lord Cathcart*, to represent his Majesty's Royal Person in this Assembly, read and recorded. *Ibid.*

The King's most gracious Letter to this Assembly read and recorded. *Ibid.*

The Commissioner's Speech at opening this Assembly, and the Moderator's Speech in Return thereto. *Ibid.*

The Royal Warrant for 1000 *l.* granted this Year by his Majesty for Encouragement of itinerant Preachers and Catechists, for Reformation of the *Highlands* and Islands, read and recorded. *Ibid.*

A Committee named for answering the King's most gracious Letter. *Ibid.*

A Committee named for revising the Commissions to the Members of this Assembly, censuring Absents from the Diets of this Assembly, naming Ministers to preach before his Grace the King's Commissioner, receiving in Lists of Probationers in the several Presbyteries, in order to be recorded, and of Students in Divinity at the several Universities, and report. *Ibid.*

Committee for Overtures named. *Ibid.*

Committee for Bills, References, and Appeals named. *Ibid.*

A Diet spent in Prayer, *May 21st, Sess. 2.*

Ministers named to preach before his Grace the King's Commissioner. *Ibid.*

The Act 7th of the Assembly 1718, for the better Dispatch of the Business of Assembly read, and the Observation thereof enjoined. *Ibid.*

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The Draught of an Answer to the King's most gracious Letter to this Assembly brought in and approven; and his Grace the Commissioner, at the Assembly's Request, undertakes to transmit the same to his Majesty, *May 22d, Sess. 3.*
A Committee named to prepare the Draught of an Address to his Majesty, on Occasion of his Declaration of War against the *French King.* *Ibid.*

A Committee of Persons out of each Synod appointed to revise the Register of the Actings and Proceedings of the Commission of the late General Assembly, audite the Procurator and Agent's Accompts, consider the State of the Church's public Money, and prepare Overtures about the same, agreeable to the 7th Act of Assembly 1712, and 8th Act of Assembly 1719, and all Petitions and Claims for any Part of the said Money ordered to be laid before the said Committee, and they appointed to prepare any Overtures or References made by the late Commission to this Assembly. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to revise the Register of the Committee named by last Assembly, for managing the Royal Bounty for Reformation of the *Highlands* and Islands. *Ibid.*

Committees named for revising the Synod Books of *Fife, Lothian, and Tweeddale, Merse and Tiviotdale, Galloway, Dumfries* and *Ross.* *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Perth and Stirling, Angus and Mearns, Aberdeen, Moray, Glenelg, Sutherland and Caithness, Orkney, Glasgow and Air, Argyle,* and Presbytery Book of *Zetland* absent, and resolved that the Reasons thereof be inquired into. *Ibid.*

The Committee for Overtures appointed to receive in from the several Members any Instructions given to them by their respective Synods or Presbyteries, class the Matters therein contained, and prepare Overtures thereupon to the Assembly. *Ibid.*

The Draught of an Address to his Majesty, on Occasion of his Declaration of War against the *French King* brought in and approven; and his Grace the Commissioner, at the Assembly's Request, undertakes to transmit the same to his Majesty. *May 24th, Sess. 4.*

A Committee named to prepare the Draught of an Act, and Reasons for a Fast, on Account of the present Situation of Affairs, to be observed in all the Churches in *Scotland*, on such a Day as his Majesty shall think fit to name for that Purpose. *Ibid.*

The remaining Part of the Diet spent in Prayer, for obtaining the Divine Blessing on his Majesty's Arms.

Overture

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Overture anent ministers making Agreements with their Heretors concerning the Extent of their Stipends. *May 25. Sess. 5.*

Overture anent the more speedily supplying of Vacancies. *Ibid.*

A Reference from the Synod of *Perth* and *Stirling* of a Cause brought before them, by an Appeal taken by Mr. *James Smith* Probationer, who is presented by the Right Hon. the Earl of *Kinnoul*, Patron of the Parish of *Rattray*, to be Minister of that Parish, from a Sentence of the Presbytery of *Dunkeld*, finding, "That the six Months, allowed by Law to the Patron to present, were elapsed, and therefore refusing to admit the said Presentation, or proceed thereon; and further finding, that the Power of planting the Parish of *Rattray* was devolved on the Presbytery," brought in and read, and the Presbytery of *Dunkeld* appointed, with all convenient Speed, to moderate in a Call to the said Mr. *James Smith* alone to be Minister of the said Parish of *Rattray*, and to proceed to his Settlement according to the Rules of this Church. *Ibid.*

A Reference from the Presbytery of *Dumfermline* of a Cause depending before them, relating to the Settlement of the Parish of *Beath*, in Consequence of a Presentation granted by the right Honourable the Earl of *Moray* Patron, to Mr. *James Reid* Probationer, to be Minister of that Parish brought in and read, the said Presentation, with a Call to Mr. *Reid* to be Minister of the said Parish, sustained, and the Presbytery of *Dumfermline* appointed to proceed to his Trials and Settlement as Minister of the said Parish of *Beath* with all convenient Speed, according to the Rules of this Church. *Ibid.*

An Appeal from a Sentence of the Synod of *Galloway*, and a Reference from the Presbytery of *Stranraer*, relating to the Settlement of the Parish of *Stephenkirk* or *Stonykirk* is referred to the Commission, that they may take in the same at their Meeting in *November* next, and finally determine therein as they see Cause, *May 26th, Sess. 6.*

The Report of the Visitors of the Commission Book brought in, and the said Book ordered to be attested. *May 27. Sess. 7.*

The Accompts of the Procurator and Agent for the Church, with the Report of the Committee on the public Accompts thereon, produced, and ordered to lie on the Table till another Diet. *Ibid.*

The Members from the several Synods appointed to meet among themselves, in order to bring in a List of the Nominators of the Commission, according to the 6th Act of Assembly 1705. *ibid.*

A Petition and Complaint for his Majesty's Advocate, and the Heretors of the Parish of *Nigg*, concurring with the Royal Presen-

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- Presentation to Mr. *Patrick Grant* Minister at *Duthil*, to be Minister of the Parish of *Nigg*, against the Presbytery of *Tain*, narrating the Sentence of last General Assembly, appointing the said Presbytery to proceed to the Settlement of Mr. *Grant* as Minister of *Nigg*, and that his Admission there should be betwixt and the first Day of *September* last, with a Sentence pronounced by the Commission in *November*, (who were impowered by the said Assembly to determine in any Reference or Appeal that should regularly be brought before them, relative to the said Settlement,) testifying their Displeasure at the Presbytery for refusing to obey the aforesaid Sentence of the Assembly, and peremptorily ordering them to admit Mr. *Grant* as Minister of the Parish of *Nigg* betwixt and the 1st of *February* last, and complaining of the Presbytery for not obeying the above recited Sentences, brought in and read, together with a Representation signed by five Ministers, Members of the said Presbytery, showing their Reason for not executing the foresaid Sentences, the said five Members rebuked for their Disobedience, and the Presbytery appointed to admit Mr. *Patrick Grant* as minister of *Nigg*, betwixt and the 1st of *August* next, and to send up to the Commission in *November* an Extract of their whole Proceedings in this Matter. *Ibid.*
- A Petition by the Elders of the Lowland Congregation of *Campbeltown*, containing a Complaint against the Synod of *Argyle* for certain Acts passed by them, respecting the Number of Sermons to be preached before and after the Celebration of the Lord's Supper within their Bounds; brought in and dismissed as incompetent and not properly brought before the Assembly, in respect the same was not brought by any Appeal from that Synod; so as to sist them before the Assembly to answer for themselves. *ibid.*
- A Committee named to prepare the Draught of an Act for a general Collection for carrying on the building of the Bridge of *Kelfo*, May the 28th. *Sess.* 8th.
- A List of Members from the several Synods brought in, and appointed as a Committee to name the Members of the Commission of this Assembly, and prepare Instructions to them. *Ibid.*
- Instructions from the Presbyteries of *Skye* and *Uist*, representing the Difficulty of getting the Vacancies in their Bounds supplied, thro' the Want of Preachers having the *Irish* Language, read, and remitted to the Committee for Overtures, to prepare an Overture for removing the Grievances complained of. *Ibid.*
- An Instruction from the Presbytery of *Elgin*, for continuing the itinerant Preacher in the Glen of *Pluscarden* read, and

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remitted to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty.
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An Instruction from the Presbytery of *Biggar*, for Advice how to oblige Patrons of Churches to apply vacant Stipends, as directed by Law, read; and the General Assembly remitted to the said Presbytery to apply to the Procurator for the Church for his Advice in the Affair, and to follow what Directions he shall give thereanent. *Ibid.*

The Procurator and Agent for the Church appointed to attend to a Cause advocated to the Court of Session, concerning the Settling of a Schoolmaster at *Newburn*, wherein the Callers of one Mr. *Mitchel* to be Schoolmaster there, (whose Call was rejected by the Presbytery) had excluded the Minister of the Parish from a Vote in the Election. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Trustees of the Fund for a Provision to Ministers Widows, &c. brought in, and ordered to lie on the Table till another Diet. *Ibid.*

A Petition and Complaint by Mr. *John Ker* Minister at *Forfar*, and others, complaining of a Sentence of the Synod of *Angus* and *Mearns*, pronounced in a Cause brought before them, relating to Simoniackal Pactions, in the Case of the Settlement of the Parish of *St. Vigians*, brought in and read, and a Committee appointed to prepare a State of the Matter, and of what shall appear to them to be proven, and report the same, with their Opinion thereon, to the Assembly. *Ibid.*

A Reference from the Synod of *Merse* and *Teviotdale*, of a Cause brought before them, by Reference from the Presbytery of *Jedburgh*, and an Appeal taken from that Presbytery for the Crown, who granted a Presentation to Mr. *John Bonar* Minister at *Cockpen*, to be Minister of the Town and Parish of *Jedburgh*, read, containing the Opposition made to the Presentee's Settlement, by all the Elders, who signified their Desire to have Mr. *Thomas Boston*, Minister at *Oxnam*, to be their Minister; the Lord Advocate represented, that as he was desirous to promote the Peace of the Church, and Quiet of the Country, and as his Majesty's Right to present anew any other qualified Person could not be prejudged by the not carrying Mr. *Bonar*'s Settlement into Execution, he, in order to remove the Difficulties in this Case, attended with particular Circumstances, would make no Opposition to any Expedient that might seem proper to the Assembly, for bringing this Affair to a comfortable Issue, consistent with the Crown's Right of presenting anew to the vacant Parish of *Jedburgh*. The General Assembly thereupon agreed, without a Vote, to the following Resolution, viz. Having considered the Circumstances of the Case, and what was represented

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represented by his Majesty's Advocate, the Assembly are of Opinion, that the Presentation and Concurrence therewith ought to be sustained ; but that it is inexpedient, as Matters stand, to prosecute the same in order to the Transportation of Mr. *Bonar* to *Jedburgh* ; and therefore the Assembly make no Order or Decision for that Effect, reserving and declaring, that it shall be competent to his Majesty, the Patron, to present any qualified Person to be Minister of *Jedburgh*, within six Months from this Date. And in such Case, the Presbytery of *Jedburgh* are appointed to receive, and proceed upon the same, according to the Rules of the Church.

Ibid.

Reference to the Commission to take in, cognosce, and finally determine, in any Question that shall be brought regularly before them, relating to the Settlement of *Jedburgh* ; and to take into Consideration the Conduct of the Elders of *Jedburgh*, and particularly an Association entered into by them, and to judge therein as they see Cause. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee, for naming the Members of the Commission, and drawing Instructions to them, brought in and approved. *May* the 29th, Sess. 9.

Reference to the Commission to take in, cognosce, and finally determine, in any Question that shall regularly be brought before them, relating to the Settlement of the Parish of *Dumblane*. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee for Overtures, respecting the Instructions from the Presbyteries of *Skye* and *Uist*, anent Students having the *Irish* Language, brought in and read, containing a Proposal that the Synodical Bursaries be revived, and that there shall be an annual Collection in all the Churches of *Scotland*, for the Purpose mentioned in the said Instruction : And the Assembly agreed to the reviving of Bursaries, to be raised by Contribution from the Ministers of this Church, for the educating of Students having the *Irish* Language ; and further, that there shall be an annual Collection for the said Purpose ; and a Committee is named to draw an Act and Recommendation for the said Collection, and to have under Consideration what may be needful to be contributed by each Minister, in what Manner it is to be levied, and what further respects the Management of the Sums to be so raised. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission to cognosce, and finally determine, in an Appeal of *Robert Balfour-Ramsay* of *Balbirnie*, and other Heretors of the Parish of *Kennoway*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Fife*, anent the Settlement of a Schoolmaster at *Kennoway*. *Ibid.*

An Instruction from the Presbytery of *Cairston*, containing Reasons for granting Viaticums to their Commissioners to
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this Assembly, brought in and read: And the said Viaticums refused, in respect of the Act of Assembly 1752. discharging any Viaticums to be given, until the Debts due by the Church are all paid. *Ibid.*

A Petition for Mr. *James Tyrie*, Minister at *Stromness*, craving some Assistance out of the public Money to enable him to carry on a Process, which he has depending before the Lords Commissioners for Plantation of Kirks and Valuation of Teinds, for an Augmentation of his Stipend, read; and the Sum of 30*l. Sterling* allowed to the Petitioner for carrying on the said Process, but not to be paid until all the Debts presently due by the Church are satisfied and paid. *Ibid.*

A Petition for Mr. *Alexander MacBean*, and Mr. *Murdoch MacKenzie*, Ministers of *Inverness*, craving some Allowance out of the public Funds, to enable them to carry on a Process, presently depending for an Augmentation to their Stipends, read, and the Sum of 30*l.* allowed to the Petitioners for carrying on the said Process; but not to be paid until all the Debts presently owing by the Church are satisfied and paid. *Ibid.*

A Letter of the 24th of *September* last, from the Trustees for the College of *New Jersey*, returning Thanks to the Assembly for the Collection granted to the said College, read, and ordered to be kept *in retentis*. *Ibid.*

The Draught of an Act and Recommendation for a Collection for carrying on the building of the Bridge at *Kelfo*, brought in and approved; appointing the Collection to be upon the second LORD'S Day of *July* next; and, in case of any Obstacle in the way of making the Collection on that Day, that Presbyteries shall name any other *Sabbath* for this Purpose, in the Months of *July*, *August*, or *September* next; and the Money collected to be transmitted to Mr. *Adam Fairholm* Banker in *Edinburgh*. *Ibid.*

A Reference from the Synod of *Fife*, of a Cause referred to them by the Presbytery of *St. Andrews*, concerning *John Marr*, Tenant in *Easter Grange*, who married one *Margaret Ross*, his deceased Wife's Brother's Daughter, is referred to the Commission, with Power to them to do therein as they think fit.

A Petition for the Presbytery of *Fordice*, craving that a Sum, not exceeding 10*l. Sterling* yearly of the Annualrents of the Money collected for the *Enzie*, be given for the Space of three Years, as a Salary to a Schoolmaster to be employed there, read: And the Sum of 10*l. Sterling* yearly, appointed to be paid, for three Years, out of the Annualrents of the Money collected for the *Enzie*, to a proper Person to be named by the Presbytery for teaching the said School, and the said Salary appointed to commence from *Whitsunday* 1756. *Ibid.*

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The Report of the Committee named Yesterday to consider the Complaint of Mr. *John Ker* Minister at *Forfar*, and others, relating to Simoniackal Practices, in the Case of the Settlement of the Parish of *St. Vigans*, brought in and read : And the Assembly testified their Abhorrence of such Practices, and agreed to name a Committee to prepare an Overture for putting a Stop to these, of which, there is Reason to believe, there have been frequent Instances, and to lay the same before the Commission, at their Meeting in *November* ; who are instructed to consider and ripen such an Overture, and transmit it to the next General Assembly. *Ibid.*

The Visitors of the several Synod Books appointed to have their Reports ready to be given in to the Assembly on *Monday* next. *Ibid.*

A Committee named, pursuant to the Resolution on *Saturday* last, to prepare an Overture for putting a Stop to Simoniackal Practices. *May 31st, Sess. ult.*

The Draught of an Act for a solemn public Fast, to be observed on such Day as his Majesty shall appoint, brought in, read, and approved. *Ibid.*

The Draught of an Act and Recommendation for a voluntary Collection, to be made in all the Churches in *Scotland*, on or before the first *Sabbath* of *December* next, for the educating of Students having the *Irish* Language, brought in, read, and approved ; and the Money collected appointed to be remitted to *William Ross* Clerk to the Society for propagating Christian Knowledge. *Ibid.*

Act and Recommendation respecting *Irish* Bursaries. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Visitors of the Register of the Committee named by last Assembly, for managing the Royal Bounty, brought in and read.---- The Itinerant at *Portsoy* appointed to be continued there for another Year ; and the said Book ordered to be attested. *Ibid.*

The Draught of a Commission and Instructions to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty this Year, brought in and approved. *Ibid.*

It being remarked, that the Committee named by the last Assembly for managing the Royal Bounty had very few Meetings, it is recommended to the Committee named by this Assembly, to give better Attendance on their Meetings. *Ibid.*

Remit to the above Committee to collect the several Instructions to the Managers of the Royal Bounty into one Act, and lay the same before the next General Assembly. *Ibid.*

A Petition for Mr. *James Leslie* Minister at *Moy*, craving, in respect of his old Age and Infirmities, and the Largeness of his Parish, that an Itinerant Preacher may be employed therein,

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therein, read, and remitted to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty. *Ibid.*

Act approving of Mr. *David Dalrymple* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, his Intromissions with his Majesty's Allowance for defraying the public Charges of the Church, for the Terms of *Lady-day, Midsummer, Michaelmas, and Christmas 1754, and Lady-day, Midsummer, Michaelmas, and Christmas 1755*; and appointing that the Balance of 18 *l.* 15 *s.* 1 *d.* *Sterl.* in his Hands, be charged in his next Accompt. *Ibid.*

Act approving of the Accompt of *James Edmonstone*, Agent for the Church, and Sub-Clerk to the General Assembly, and appointing that the Balance of 5 *l.* 15 *s.* 9 *d.* *Sterling*, in his Hands be charged in his next Accompt. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Trustees for managing the Fund for a Provision to Ministers Widows, &c. containing a State of the Fund under their Management, and an Account of their Proceedings since last General Assembly, reproduced and ordered to be recorded in the separate Register, kept for that Purpose. *Ibid.*

An Instruction from the Presbytery of *Hamilton* anent the manner of keeping their separate Register, read, and remitted to the Trustees for managing the Widows Fund. *Ibid.*

The Sub-committee, named by the Committee for Overtures, for classing the Returns from the several Presbyteries to the Overtures transmitted to them, appointed to class the said Returns, and prepare the same for the next General Assembly. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Fife, Lothian and Tweddale, Merse and Tiviotdale, and Ross* attested. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission, to call the Visitors of the Synod Books of *Dumfries and Galloway* to Account for their Absence at this Diet, and upon their Reports, to order the said Books to be attested, if they see Cause. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Perth and Stirling, Angus and Mearns, Glenelg, Sutherland and Caithness, Aberdeen, Moray, Orkney, Glasgow and Air, Argyle, and Presbytery Book of Zetland*, absent, and ordered to be brought up to be revised by next Assembly. *Ibid.*

Protestation admitted at the Instance of the Synod of *Dumfries*, against *Andrew Smith* in *Kirkmahoe*, for not insisting in an Appeal taken by him, from a Sentence of the said Synod. *Ibid.*

Protestation admitted at the Instance of the Synod of *Galloway* against *Alexander Livingston* in *Dowrie*, for not insisting in an Appeal taken by him from a Sentence of the said Synod. *Ibid.*

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Protestation admitted at the Instance of the Synod of *Aberdeen* against Mr. *John Bisset*, for not insisting in an Appeal taken by him from a Sentence of the said Synod. *Ibid.*

Recommendation to those deficient in making the Collection for the College of *New Jersey*, to make the said Collection, and remit the Money collected to Mr. *William Hogg*, as directed by the Act of Assembly appointing the said Collection. *Ibid.*

List of Probationers in the bounds of 28 Presbyteries amounting to 93 produced, and ordered to be recorded. *Ibid.*

The Minutes of this Sederunt read, those of former Sederunts having been read at the Diets subsequent to each Sederunt. *Ibid.*

A Committee named to revise the Minutes of this Assembly's Proceedings, at this, and all the other Diets thereof, and to pitch upon such of the Acts of this Assembly as are to be standing Rules, or are of public Use, in order to their being printed. *Ibid.*

The Moderator's Speech to the Assembly, and to his Majesty's Commissioner. *Ibid.*

The Lord Commissioner's Speech in return thereto, and then the Assembly concluded. *Ibid.*

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